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SUBJECT: 98TH UNESCO EXECUTIVE BOARD, AGENDA ITEM 5.1.1.

CHOICE OF TOPICS FOR IN-DEPTH STUDY BY UNESCO
SPECIAL COMMITTEE.

REFERENCE: PARIS 21581.

1. AS P REFCABLE, US PERMDEL PROPOSES INCLUDE TOPIC FOR IN-DEPTH STUDY BY SPECIAL COMMITTEE OF "UNESCO'S EXPERIENCES IN CARRYING OUT REGULAR AND EXTRA-BUDGETARY ACTIVITIES IN AND FOR THE 25 LEAST DEVELOPED COUNTRIES." RECOMMEND THAT DEPARTMENT REQUEST AMERICAN EMBASSY OUAGADOUGOUTO CONSULT WITH UNESCO EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBER JOSEPH KI-ZERBO ON THIS MATTER AND INFORM USPERMDEL OF KI-ZERBO'S VIEWS PRIOR TO START OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON SEPTEMBER 11.

2. EXBD MUST SELECT SIX TOPICS FOR IN-DEPTH STUDY AT SPRING SESSION BY SPECIAL COMMITTEE. THIS IS IMPORTANT FUNCTION OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE AND SHEDS SPECIAL LIGHT
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ON UNESCO'S EXPERIENCES, STRENGTHS AND WEAKNESSES IN

SELECTED TOPICS. U.S. STRONGLY SUPPORTS THIS FUNCTION OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE, AND HAS PARTICIPATED ACTIVELY, SERVING AS RAPPORTEUR LAST YEAR FOR IN-DEPTH STUDY ON UNESCO'S EFFORTS TO IMPROVE STATUS OF WOMEN.

3. U.S. PERMDEL FEELS THIS TOPIC OF UNESCO'S EXPERIENCE WITH 25 LEAST DEVELOPED COUNTRIES PARTICULARLY IMPORTANT AND TIMELY GIVEN THE ATTENTION BEING PAID TO LEAST DEVELOPED NATIONS IN VARIOUS UN FORA. ALSO TIMELY BECAUSE OF UNESCO MEETING IN SEPTEMBER 1975 OF THE SENIOR OFFICIALS OF MINISTRIES OF EDUCATION OF THE 25 LEAST DEVELOPED COUNTRIES, AND THE CONSIDERABLE NUMBER OF UNESCO PROJECTS IN THE COUNTRIES FINANCED UNDER FIRST ROUND OF UNDP COUNTRY PROGRAMS. FROM US POINT OF VIEW IT IS ALSO FELT TO BE CONSISTENT WITH EMPHASIS ON POOREST COUNTRIES IN SECRETARY'S RECENT SPEECH TO 7TH SPECIAL SESSION OF UN GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

4. SINCE UPPER VOLTA IS ON THE UN LIST OF 25 LEAST DEVELOPED COUNTRIES AND SINCE KI-ZERBO IS SUCH AN ACTIVE AND ARTICULATE MEMBER OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD, US PERMDEL WOULD LIKE TO HAVE HIS VIEWS AND HOPEFULLY HIS SUPPORT IN INCLUDING ABOVE TOPIC IN LIST OF IN-DEPTH STUDIES FOR SPRING SESSION SPECIAL COMMITTEE.

5. FURTHER, U.S. PERMDEL SUGGESTS THAT THIS TOPIC HAVE TWO RAPPORTEURS. ONE FROM A LEAST DEVELOPED COUNTRY AND ONE FROM A LARGE DEVELOPED COUNTRY, E.G. U.S. IF KI-ZERBO WOULD BE WILLING, U.S. PERMDEL WOULD HOPE TO SERVE AS CO-RAPPORTEUR WITH HIM TO EXAMINE THIS IMPORTANT TOPIC.

6. FYI. USPERMDEL RECOMMENDS THAT KI-ZERBO SERVE AS CO-RAPPORTEUR WITH U.S. FOR FOLLOWING REASONS. FIRST, UPPER VOLTA IS ONE OF FOUR OF THE LEAST DEVELOPED COUNTRIES ON UNESCO'S EXECUTIVE BOARD. OTHERS ARE DAHOMEY, NEPAL AND UGANDA. MEMBER FROM DAHOMEY IS CHAIRMAN OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE SO WOULD NOT SERVE AS RAPPORTEUR TO SPECIAL COMMITTEE. MEMBER FROM NEPAL IS NOT AS ACTIVE OR ELOQUENT AS KI-ZERBO. NO COMMENT RELIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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GARDING U.S. AND UGANDA MEMBERS SERVING AS CO-RAPPORTEURS. SECOND, PROFESSOR KI-ZERBO IS VERY CLOSE TO DIRECTOR GENERAL OF UNESCO. THIRD, KI-ZERBO ONE OF MOST ELOQUENT AND ACTIVE MEMBERS OF EXECUTIVE BOARD. FOURTH, US PERMDEL WOULD LIKE TO CULTIVATE BETTER RELATIONS WITH KI-ZERBO. FIFTH, US PERMDEL FEELS THAT U.S. AMBASSADOR OUAGADOUGOU COULD PLAY A ROLE IN FACILITATING THIS CONTEMPLATED STRENGTHENED RELATIONSHIP WITH

KI-ZERBO. IT FOR THIS REASON THAT PROPOSAL MADE TO
CONSULT WITH KI-ZERBO PRIOR HIS DEPARTURE FROM OUAGA-
DOUGOU. END FYI.
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